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1. BRAVO* EMBASSY AGREES 100 PERCENT WITH RATIONALE AND COMMENTS REFTEL. DRAFTING OFFICER SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED.

2. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ROTHENBERG- GRAHAM MEMCON OF MAY 16 RELATING TO IMPENDING INDEPENDENCE OF GRENADA, IT IS DISCOURAGING TO READ " THAT U. S. MAY BE CONSIDERING ONCE AGAIN AN ALMOST CERTAINLY UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO BLOCK UN MEMBERSHIP OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS ON GROUNDS OF THEIR SIZE." ALTHOUGH EMBASSY ALSO UNFAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF MINI- STATES DEBATE IN SC COMMITTEE TWO YEARS AGO, WE ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH SHARP REACTION WHICH OCCURRED IN BARBADOS AND IN WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY SAY IS U. S.- SPONSORSHIP OR CO- SPONSORSHIP OF AN EFFORT TO EXCLUDE MINI- STATES FROM FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UN. FORMER FONMIN OF BARBADOS, CAMERON TUDOR, GOOD FRIEND OF U. . WHO FULLY SUPPORTED OUR POSITION ON CHIREP, WHO MADE HIS MAIDEN SPEECH AT UN THAT YEAR, CASTIGATED OUR MINI- STATES POLICY IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. THIS POLICY OF OURS WAS ONE

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OF SEVERAL WHICH HAS TURNED THESE EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISLANDS
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS EMBASSY AGAINST THE U. S. AND
MANY OF ITS POLICIES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. WE HAVE
FREQUENTLY REPORTED THE " BIG STATES PUSH AROUND LITTLE STATES"
SYNDROME WHICH NOW IS ENDEMIC, HERE.

3. IN CASP SUBMISSION ON SUBJECT OF GRENADA INDEPENDENCE
EMBASSY RECOMMENDED SUPPORT FOR GRENADA'S APPLICATION FOR
MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IF SUPPORT REQUESTED,
AND IF THERE ARE NO OVER- RIDING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS."
(FINAL CLAUSE INSERTED ONLY BECAUSE THERE SEEM TO BE SO
MANY OVER- RIDING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MILITATE AGAINST
THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN, THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH CONSIDERATIONS
WE MUST RECOGNIZE IN PREPARING CASP.) CASP ACCEPTED BY NSC-
IG/ ARA.

4. EMBASSY HAS PREPARED COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATION NO. 10
AND PARAGRAPHS A- G UNDER RECOMMENDATION 12, ON MINI- STATES
CONTAINED IN THE APRIL INSPECTION REPORT ON " U. S. POLICIES
AND PROGRAMS IN THE CARIBBEAN." THESE COMMENTS SPECIFICALLY
AGREE WITH VIEWS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. NOW THAT US MISSION
USUN HAS SO CLEARLY EXPLAINED WHY " OUR LONG STANDING POLICY...
CAN NO LONGER BE SUSTAINED..." BELIEVE TIME HAS COME WHEN
ARA AND IO SHOULD BE IN FINE POSITION TO AGREE THAT WE SHOULD
TAKE NO INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO PREVENT MINI- STATES FROM
ATTAINING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UN, AND THAT WE SHOULD VOTE IN
THEIR FAVOR WHEN VOTING TIME ARISES.

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